

Application No. 10/081,478
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Amendment to the Specification:

On Page 1, please amend the first paragraph to:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1
This case is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial Number 09/500,038, filed February 8, 2000, now US Patent Number 6,419,491, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. ~~08/996,224~~ 08/996,244, filed December 22, 1997 (now abandoned) which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/639,712, filed April 29, 1996 (now abandoned) which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/390,805 filed February 15, 1995 (now abandoned) which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/146,790, filed November 2, 1993 (now abandoned).

On page 14, please amend the first paragraph to:

A2
In Figs. 9 to 14 are shown the range of potential surface geometries for either upper or lower surface 16 or 18, and in Figs. 15 to 22 ~~[[s]]~~ are shown a variety of vertical cross-sectional geometries. The ~~the~~ views of Figs. 13 and 17 correspond to the views of Figs. 3 and 5 above~~[[D]]~~, each of these subject to the limitation that soft tissue will generally require a smaller scale of ~~micro-texturization~~ micro-texturization than will that of bone tissue.